

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 8-11 as follows:

This continuation patent application claims the benefit and priority of U.S. Patent No. 6,634,551 ~~pending Application No. 09/815,745~~ filed March 23, 2001 and issued October 21, 2003, which itself is ~~an application claiming~~ claims the benefit and priority of U.S. provisional patent Application No. 60/203,402, filed May 11, 2000, and likewise incorporates both the patent and the application ~~applications~~ by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 6-14 as follows:

If no adult is at home, under the scenario presented above (a.k.a. "the predetermined rules"), the delivery agent cannot enter a signature, so the delivery agent makes an indication of non-delivery (e.g., a "not in" entry). At that time the data acquisition device will prompt the driver to scan a bar-coded delivery notice such as shown as 20 70 in Figs. 2, 3A and 3B. The delivery agent will then pull a delivery notice out of his or her pocket or other suitable storage location, and then will scan the machine-readable delivery notice code portion 21 71 on the notice 20 with the scanner 31 included in the data acquisition device 30. The delivery notice 20, but not the parcels, is to be left at the door.